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VETERANS' HOME GETS APPROVAL FOR \$800,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS

Evansville – The State Budget Committee has approved the expenditure of \$800,000 to install air-conditioning in Pyle Hall on the Indiana Veterans' Home grounds as well as to remove mold and asbestos in the building, according to State Reps. Sheila Klinker and Joe Micon.

The project was on the committee's agenda during a Friday morning meeting on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

The air-handling units will be replaced in the basement as well as on the first three floors. The asbestos and mold removal will be on the second and third floors prior to residents moving back into their rooms. Pipe re-wrapping is necessary on all four floors. The asbestos and mold removal has already been completed in the basement and on the first floor.

"I am pleased the State Budget Committee has approved the expenditure to upgrade these rooms so they are more comfortable and do not expose these men and women to hazardous materials," said Klinker. "We owe our veterans so much and they ask for so little. Let these soldiers never fade away from our memories. They will always have a special place in our hearts."

Joe Micon, a member of the Indiana Veterans' Home Advisory Committee, echoed those sentiments.

"The majority of our veterans at the Home are more than 65 years of age," reflected Micon. "We owe them the right to live out their remaining years in dignity. For me, they are true heroes. When a nation forgets its veterans, those who sacrificed for their country's freedoms, then the nation loses its values and its true sense of worth. We must never let that happen to the United States."

There are 268 residents at the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette. More than half of them served in World War II. Some spouses and widows also reside at the Home.

There are 117 Veterans' Homes in 47 states.

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